

APPLICATION FOR RECERTIFICATION

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Read the enclosed Standards

Please refer to the enclosed Standards as you complete the application and attachments.

Can I handwrite my application?

Please type or print neatly. Illegible applications will be returned.

When is my application due?

The application is due on or before the end of your current certification term. If we do not receive an application by that date, your file will be closed. Applications may be submitted in advance but no earlier than six months prior to the end of your term.

Where do I mail my application?

Office of Certification
State Bar of California
180 Howard St.
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Do I owe any fees at this time?

A \$100 processing fee, payable to the State Bar of California, is due with the application. If you are applying for recertification by written examination and wish to type the examination, please add an additional \$50 (total \$150).

What if I want to take a written examination in lieu of satisfying the educational requirements?

Complete and submit Attachment B. You must sit for the last examination administered prior to expiration of your certification or the first examination administered after your certification expires. If your certificate expires during a year in which the exam is not given, it will be extended for sufficient time to permit you to take the next exam.

What happens if I don't fill out my application correctly?

If your application is incomplete or insufficient on its face, you will receive notice to correct the deficiency. If you fail to correct the deficiency within 60 days from the date of the notice, the application shall be deemed withdrawn without a refund of the fee.

We may request additional or supplemental non-confidential information in order to show compliance with recertification requirements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED QUESTIONS AND ATTACHMENTS

Application Form

Box 1. Enter your official State Bar name and address of record. This is the information that appears in State Bar Membership Records. To verify that the information is current, go to www.calbar.ca.gov, *Attorney Search*. If the information is not current, you must notify Membership Records of the change pursuant to section 6002.1 of the B&P Code. Notification must be in writing. For your convenience, you will find an address change form on the website under *Attorney Resources>Bar Member Billing and Records*.

Please be aware that all correspondence will be sent to you at your official address of record registered with the State Bar Office of Membership Records.

Box 9. Section 9.3 of the Rules provides that the Advisory Commission may take the following into account in considering your application:

Final disciplinary actions imposed for professional misconduct by any court or body before whom you appear. Include: (1) title of disciplinary action; (2) action number; (3) nature of charge; (4) nature of sanction; (5) date sanction was imposed; and (6) date sanction was terminated. For non-attorney professional discipline (e.g., accountancy), provide information similar to the above.

Felony convictions. Provide the case number, title, date of conviction, and where it was filed.

Resignation from any bar, court, or body before whom you appear. Provide the name of the entity, the effective resignation date, and the reason.

Judgments of professional negligence. Include only if there were three or more judgments against you during the certification term. Provide the case number, title, date judgment was rendered, and where it was filed.

Sanctions. Include only sanctions, other than discovery sanctions, of \$1,000 or more. Provide a copy of the order.

Findings of contempt. Provide a copy of the findings.

Attachments

A. Task and Experience Requirement

Refer to the Standards for your specialty area for the specific requirements.

B. Education Requirement

Check the first box only if you have complied fully with the requirement. Do not submit any documentation at this time. Keep in mind, however, that you are subject to an audit of your compliance. If audited, you will be required to provide your records, so be sure to keep them for at least one year from the date you are recertified by the Board of Legal Specialization (the date will appear in the letter notifying you of your recertification).

Check the second box if you wish to take the exam in lieu of completing the education requirement. Indicate which location you prefer and whether you wish to type the exam. You must sit for either the last exam administered prior to, or the first exam after, the end of your current certification term. If you fail the exam, your application for recertification will be denied automatically.

C. References

When listing references, please include the person's bar number whenever possible. To find an attorney or judge's bar number, go to www.calbar.ca.gov, Attorney Search.

CHECKLIST

Have you:

- ☐ Read the affirmation?
- ☐ Provided all information requested on the application and attachments?
- ☐ Signed and dated the application?
- ☐ Attached additional sheets if you needed more space?
- ☐ Put your name on the top of all attachments?
- ☐ Made copies for your records?
- ☐ Enclosed a check for the appropriate recertification fee?

RESOURCES

The Rules, Standards and a list of approved legal specialization education providers are available online at www.californiaspecialist.org.

To request a list of approved education activities for the past five years, email legalspec@calbar.ca.gov.

If you do not have Internet access, you can request any of the above items by calling (415) 538-2120.

THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL
SPECIALIZATION
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639
(415) 538-2120

State Bar of California Program for Certifying
Legal Specialists

CONFIDENTIAL

**APPLICATION FOR RECERTIFICATION
Criminal Law Specialist**

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For Office Use Only
Legal Specialization

- ☐ No check enclosed
☐ \$100 Recert Fee
☐ \$150 Recert and
Exam/Typing Fee

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY.

1. Name & Address (exactly as they appear on State Bar membership records)	2. Bar number
	3. Daytime Phone Number ()
	4. E-mail address

5. I hereby apply for recertification as a Criminal Law specialist under the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists.

Date Certified: _____

Date Most Recently Recertified: _____

6. I have been engaged in the practice of criminal law for at least 25% of the time spent in my occupational endeavors during the previous five (5) years. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION.	7. At the time of application for recertification, I am an active member of the State Bar of California. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF NO, STOP HERE. You are not eligible to apply.
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8. The following is a complete statement of my employment since my most recent application. List most recent employment first. **ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY. CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE ATTACHED.** ☐

Dates of Employment	Employer	Employer's Address	Nature of Employment (summarize nature of work performed)

<p>9. During the current certification term:</p> <p>a. Were you disbarred, suspended or disciplined by the State Bar of California or similar attorney disciplinary authority or any other authority that imposes professional discipline in California, or in another state or jurisdiction, including a foreign jurisdiction, or do you have any discipline pending?</p> <p>b. Did you have any felony convictions?</p> <p>c. Did you resign from any bar, court or body before whom you appear?</p> <p>d. Were there three or more judgments of professional negligence against you? <i>(If yes, please attach the relevant documents.)</i></p> <p>e. Were any sanctions, other than discovery sanctions, entered against you by any court or body before whom you appear?</p> <p>f. Were any findings of contempt made against you by any court or body before whom you appear?</p> <p>IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, YOU MUST PROVIDE FULL DETAILS ON A SEPARATE SHEET. A record of discipline or failure to disclose any of the information requested above may constitute grounds for denial of your application.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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AFFIRMATION

I hereby authorize all educational institutions, governmental agencies and instrumentalities (including bar associations and bar examiners of other jurisdictions), employers and business and professional associates (past and present), to release to the California Board of Legal Specialization and the Criminal Law Advisory Commission any nonprivileged information, files or records requested by them for the purpose of processing this application. The foregoing release does not apply to matters communicated by me in confidence to any lawyer, spouse, physician, psychotherapist or clergyperson for which I have privilege of nondisclosure under the provisions of Chapter 4, Division 8 of the California Evidence Code.

I further authorize the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to conduct independent inquiry and review as provided in section 9.0 of the Rules and Standards.

I agree to pay all fees required by the California Board of Legal Specialization when due.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the California Board of Legal Specialization as amended from time to time and to furnish to the Board and the Criminal Law Advisory Commission such information as they may require to determine my entitlement to certification.

I am the applicant herein for certification as a criminal law specialist under the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists. I fully understand that failure to make a truthful disclosure of any fact, item or information required may result in the denial of my application, revocation of my certificate of specialization, or disciplinary action by the State Bar of California. I have carefully read and answered each question completely and truthfully in the foregoing application and any attachments hereto, and certify that the information therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on

DATE

TYPE OR PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

TASK AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

ATTACHMENT A

Applicant Name: _____

Please note that the Criminal Law Advisory Commission may require additional evidence of completion of tasks and experience shown in Attachments A, A-1 and A-2.

If you are using the alternative tasks set forth in section 7.0 of the Standards to recertify, complete ATTACHMENT A-2 instead.

For purposes of numbers 1 and 2 below, please note the following:

- ▶ "Principal counsel" means an attorney who presents the case or proceeding to the court or jury during its entire course or a substantial part thereof. More than one attorney may be a principal counsel so long as each is involved in the presentation of a substantial part of the case or proceeding.
- ▶ Attendance in court during any part of a day shall be counted as attendance for a full day.
- ▶ Military courts-martial and trials conducted pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act shall not be counted as criminal jury trials.

CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES

- ☐ 1. Within the current five (5) year certification term, I have personally attended a trial court in California or in any United States District Court for twenty-five (25) days as principal counsel of record for a party in a criminal jury trial during the phase of trial commencing at the start of voir dire examination and ending when the case is submitted to the jury or is otherwise earlier concluded.

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL

OR

- ☐ 2. During each year of the current five (5) year certification term, I have participated in five (5) days of criminal jury trials as specified in #1 above. **IF YOU CHECK THIS BOX, YOU MUST COMPLETE ATTACHMENT A-1.**

OR

- ☐ 3. Within the current five (5) year certification term, I have presided as a judicial officer for at least sixty (60) days over misdemeanor or felony jury trials or juvenile court proceedings under section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

TASK AND EXPERIENCE**ATTACHMENT A-1**

Applicant Name: _____

For EACH YEAR of your current certification term, provide the requested information. Use common abbreviations in listing case titles, courts, etc. Indicate when each year of your term began and ended.

Complete this form if you checked
Box #2 on ATTACHMENT A.

FIRST YEAR beginning/ending (use month/year):

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL # OF TRIAL DAYS				

SECOND YEAR beginning/ending (use month/year):

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL # OF TRIAL DAYS				

THIRD YEAR beginning/ending (use month/year):

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL # OF TRIAL DAYS				

FOURTH YEAR beginning/ending (use month/year):

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL # OF TRIAL DAYS				

FIFTH YEAR beginning/ending (use month/year):

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	DATE CASE SUBMITTED TO JURY OR VERDICT RENDERED	NUMBER OF DAYS AS COUNSEL
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL # OF TRIAL DAYS				

**TASK AND EXPERIENCE
ATTACHMENT A-2**

Alternative to Criminal Task Requirements

Applicant Name: _____

The Criminal Law Advisory Commission may require additional evidence of completion of tasks and experience shown in this Attachment A-2.

As an alternative to the criminal trial practice task requirements listed in section 6.0 of the Standards, I qualify by showing the following law practice requiring similar skills, as described in section 7.0 of the Standards:

CHECK THE BOXES THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS BELOW. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED. Refer to SECTION 7.0 of the Standards for additional information regarding alternative to criminal trial practice task requirements.

☐ 1. I have had substantial involvement in other areas of law practice requiring similar skills as criminal trial practice, such as:

☐ a. Litigation in contested civil matters involving jury trials.

NAME OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE TRIED	TYPE OF CASE	DECISION DATE

☐ b. Appellate practice in either criminal or non-criminal matters in proceedings in which decisions after hearing have been reached.

TITLE OF CASE	CASE NO.	COURT WHERE HEARD	NATURE OF PROCEEDING

☐ c. Practice in a government agency in which the practitioner is engaged in activities substantially equivalent to criminal

law practice.

NAME OF AGENCY	CASE NO.	TYPE OF CASE/ACTIVITY	NATURE OF PROCEEDING

- ☐ d. Active full-time supervision of criminal trial attorneys, which includes one, or a combination of, the following: charging of complaints, filing of complaints, trial strategy and preparation, appellate review, legal motions, preparation and presentation of in-house training. **Please attach a statement detailing how you qualify under this category.**

- ☐ 2. I have engaged in research, writing and/or special studies of criminal law and procedure.

TITLE OF ARTICLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED	NATURE OF RESEARCH, TIME SPENT & DATES

- ☐ 3. I possess some, but not all, of the criminal trial practice task requirements of section 6.0 of the Standards as listed below. **USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.**

EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

ATTACHMENT B

Applicant Name: _____

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

- ☐ During the current certification period, I have complied with the educational requirements for recertification set forth in section 12.3 of the Rules and section 8.0 of the Standards by completing a minimum of 60 hours of educational activities specifically approved for criminal law. At least one education hour was completed in each of at least three of the five years of my current certification period.
- ☐ In lieu of satisfying the education requirement, I wish to recertify by successfully completing a written examination in the specialty field in which I am certified as permitted under section 12.4 of the Rules.

I intend to take the examination in the city indicated below. Please check one:

☐ Los Angeles

☐ San Francisco

☐ I wish to type the examination using a typewriter or dedicated word processor.
(If you check this box, you must remit an additional \$50.00.)

☐ I wish to type the examination using a laptop/notebook PC. (If you check this box, you must remit an additional \$50.00.)

You must sit for the last examination administered prior to expiration of your certification or the first examination administered after your certification expires.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. **You have complied with the education requirement if:**
 - a. **You have completed a minimum of 60 hours** of educational activities in the field of law in which recertification is sought that meet the criteria for education activities set forth in section 7.3 of the Rules or the alternative methods set forth in section 6.2.
 - b. **Where applicable, you have completed the specific education requirements** set forth in section 8.0 of the Standards.
2. **At least one education hour** has been completed in each of at least three of the five years of your recertification period.
3. **No more than 30 hours** have been completed using the alternative methods set forth in section 6.2.
4. **Your compliance with the education requirement is subject to audit by the Board.** Under section 12.3.2 of the Rules, you must maintain records sufficient to prove compliance with the education requirements for recertification for at least one year from the date the Board acts to recertify you, and you must provide any such records to the Board as the Board may require.

5. **If the education activity was sponsored by an approved Legal Specialization provider, or was individually approved** for Legal Specialization credit, the certificate of attendance required to be provided to you by the sponsor of the activity shall be a sufficient record of compliance as long as it states the specialty area, including sub-areas, if applicable, for which credit is approved. If it does not, further documentation may be required.
6. **If the activity was not approved for Legal Specialization credit**, but you believe that it would meet the criteria for education activities set forth in section 7.3 of the Rules, your documentation should include sufficient information for the Board to make that determination in the event that you are audited. Examples: program agendas, course outlines, lists of instructors.
7. **If the activity is one of the alternative methods** set forth in section 6.2 of the Rules, you should be prepared to furnish the Board with the following documentation:

Writing or editing published articles or books relating to your specialty field – A copy of the materials for which you are claiming credit.

Teaching a course in your specialty field at an accredited institution of higher education – The name of each course, a brief description of the course and to whom it was taught, or a letter or other documentation from the institution confirming the courses taught and the dates.

Self-verified listening to and/or viewing of a complete audio or audio/visual reproduction of an approved program or program segment – A “self-study” log listing the name of the approved program, the number of credit hours, and the date on which the tape was listened to or viewed. Such tapes must be approved for legal specialization credit and listened to or viewed within the time period for which they were approved.

Self-verified participation in other approved audiovisual activities, including interactive video instruction and activities electronically transmitted from another location, such as online education – A “self-study” log listing the name of the approved activity, the number of credit hours, and the date on which you participated.

Completion of an advanced postgraduate course at an accredited law school that includes education in your specialty field – The name of the law school and a transcript indicating the courses completed.

The Board may require additional information regarding alternative endeavors in order to determine compliance with the education requirements.

9. **Commissions may accept equivalent educational experience offered by the applicant to fulfill the requirements of this section.**
10. Educational units completed **within the last six months** of a certification period in excess of the required 60 hours may be applied to the next certification period.

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY AND REVIEW

ATTACHMENT C

Applicant Name: _____

I submit the names and addresses of the following **eight** individuals to act as references who can attest to my proficiency in the practice of criminal law: **four** lawyers who practice in the same geographical area as I do, **one** judge of a Justice, Municipal or Superior Court within the State of California, or a United States District Court or Federal Magistrate Court, before whom I have appeared as an advocate within the two years immediately preceding application; and **three** California lawyers with whom I have tried a criminal case but with whom I am not associated.

In addition, I have submitted the names and addresses required under sections 5.1.2 through 5.1.5 of the Standards. **The references do not include any attorney who is my relative or who currently is my client, partner, associate, employer or employee.**

All references, communications, reference forms, and information gathered pertaining to the applicant shall be the property of the State Bar and are confidential and no information concerning them and the matter to which they relate shall be given to any person except upon prior order of the Board of Governors of the State Bar or as provided in the Rules and

NAME	ADDRESS
1. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
2. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
3. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	
4. (lawyer practicing in same geographical area)	

NAME	ADDRESS
5. (judge)	
6. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	
7. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	
8. (CA lawyer with whom I have tried a case)	

ATTACHMENT C (cont.)

In addition to the above references, I submit:

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the last two (2) jury trials I conducted, if any:

NAME	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

ATTACHMENT C (cont.)

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the last two (2) preliminary hearings I conducted, if any:

NAME	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

ATTACHMENT C (cont.)

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, judges and any co-counsel in the last two (2) writ or appellate matters I conducted, if any:

NAME	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	

ATTACHMENT C (cont.)

The names and mailing addresses of the opposing counsel, hearing officer or referee, and any co-counsel in the last two (2) administrative hearings I conducted, if any:

NAME	ADDRESS
1.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
2.a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	